

Christ Lutheran Church

October 2025

The FRIEND



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH SOMERSET, WI 54025

Christ Lutheran Church's Annual

Trunk or Treat Extravaganza!

Join us for a family-friendly Halloween celebration!

**3-5 pm Saturday,
October 25th**

Come in costume and enjoy treats and fun! Hot dogs and chips will be served.

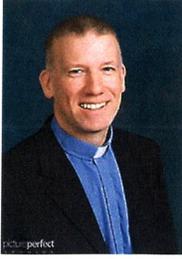
**Bring food or cash donations for
the Community Food Pantry!**

We welcome local businesses and organizations to set up their trunk, table, or games for our community to Trunk or Treat in a safe and fun location! RSVPs for vehicle participation are appreciated.

Please arrive by 2:30 pm.

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Faith Reflections

by Pastor Jeff Smith

Stewardship: Living Out God's Abundance Together

Dear Partners in Ministry,

One of the most beautiful truths of our faith is that God has already given us everything we need. From the breath in our lungs to the gifts we share, we are people living in God's abundance. Stewardship is simply our response—an act of gratitude that acknowledges all we have comes from God and is meant to be shared for the sake of others.

When we talk about stewardship, we often think of finances—and yes, our financial giving is important for sustaining the ministry we share here in Somerset. But stewardship is also about something larger. It's about our time—the hours we give to serve, to listen, to care. It's about our talents—the skills and passions God has placed within us that make our community vibrant and whole. And yes, it's about our treasures—the financial resources that allow us to keep our ministry strong and reach beyond ourselves.

The truth is, our community needs us. Somerset is full of people longing for hope, belonging, and good news. God calls us, the church, to be that beacon—to proclaim love through our words and actions, to gather around the table of grace, and to extend welcome to neighbors near and far. And when each of us shares from the abundance God has entrusted to us—whether through time, talents, or finances—we are answering that call together.

I invite you to reflect this season on how you might offer yourself anew to God's work in our congregation and in our community. Not out of obligation, but out of joy. Not because the church needs "one more thing," but because we are blessed to be a blessing to others.

Thank you for being part of this family of faith, and for the ways you already live generously. May we continue to grow in gratitude, so that through us, Somerset might see and know the abundance of God.

Your sibling in Christ,

~Pastor Jeff

P.S. Watch for a fall stewardship letter to follow later this fall.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonus Crafting Day! Get creative with the CLC Crafters on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. ALL crafters welcome! Come set up at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday and stay as long as you like. Leave your supplies and equipment in the space, and come back on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and craft to your hearts content! There will be plenty of space to spread out...INVITE ALL YOUR CRAFTING FRIENDS!

There will be no bible study on October 2nd or 23rd.

The church office will be closed October 6-9. Emails and calls will be returned, but response time may be delayed. In case of pastoral emergency, call 320-460-4222.

Come enjoy an evening of food, drinks, and fun while helping raise money to support the Somerset Champions Council's community projects. As always, 100% of the funds raised go to fund their community initiatives. Location: Somerset American Legion, Friday, October 3, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Here's what's in store: 10 rounds of raffling off meat packages from RJ's Meats, 10 drink tickets donated by the Legion, and a lively 50/50 raffle.

The Somerset Lions Club is holding a fry bread taco feed to raise money to send local children to diabetes camp! Join them at Village Park - 120 River Street on Saturday, October 4th from 12 pm until they are sold out.

The 2nd Annual Somerset Fire Rescue CHILI COOK-OFF is October 9 at 7:00 PM. There is a \$10 entry fee. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054BA9A72BAAFECE9-58219481-2025#/>

Get ready for a spooktacular time! The Somerset Spartans Dance Team is excited to host their 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event at Somerset High School on Friday, October 10th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM in the bus lot. Come for the candy and stay for the home varsity football game against St. Croix Central right after! This is a family-friendly event—all are welcome! Bring your costumes, your friends, and your family for a night of fun, candy, and community spirit! Want to decorate your trunk and join the fun? Click the link to register! bit.ly/SDTtrunkortreat

Chili Fundraiser-Chili & Chili Dogs. Saturday, October 18, 11 am to 1 pm, Bethany Lutheran Church - 415 Bridge Avenue, Star Prairie. FREE WILL OFFERING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Somerset American Legion Post 111 Auxiliary invites you and your family to join us for games, candy, crafts and the famous skeleton crawl (aka cake walk). October 19th, 1-3 pm. Costumes are encouraged, but not required. As in past years, they are collecting donations for GRACE Place, Somerset Food Pantry and taking school supply donations for our Spartan community. Please come celebrate the 2025 spooky season!

The Haunted Hayride returns Saturday, October 25th from 6-9 pm at Village Park. This thrilling ride costs just \$5 per person, or \$10 per family. It features s'mores kits, a bounce house, and food and beverages for sale. Big thanks to the Lions Club and Somerset Champions Council for organizing this awesome event that the community loves!

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at CLC on November 10th from 1-6 pm. To make an appointment, visit www.redcrossblood.org/ and enter: Somerset or call 1-800-733-2767)

WELCA's Annual Ham Dinner will be on November 4th, from 3:30-6:30 pm. Watch for details.

Please hold these dear friends in prayer: Clarice M., Yvonne Monteith, Gary H., Ira Brunner, Deanna and Jonathan, Darrell Wold Sr., Bob Trealoff, Evelyn, Tammy Nick, Dean Strehlau, Marya, Stephen Peterson, Tami, Tom and June Boyer, Eric Grant, Paul H, Scott and Sue Hovet, Curt Hughes, Jeff and Carol Reed, Ronald Rixmann, Ross Swanson.

What an incredible night! Several talented members of Christ Lutheran Church shared their gifts at the grand opening of the Performing Arts Center. We are so grateful to finally have this beautiful space to celebrate the arts. Somerset is truly overflowing with talent!

Not pictured: Chloe Rivard, Lainey Johnson, and Mara Erickson also shared their incredible talents. Apologies if we missed anyone.



CLC members performed three songs in the Community Choir. Pictured from left: Joan Meisner, Sarah Warren, Julia Warren, Julie Butler, Rachel Erickson, and Chris Dubak.



Elsie Noeldner entranced the audience with a graceful dance solo. She also performed in the Band as well as the Dance Team Hip Hop.

We're collecting donations for Cleaning with Meaning's biennial homeless drive now through November 1st. Everyone deserves food, warmth, shelter, and compassion—with no judgment, ever. Together, we can show our unsheltered neighbors that they are seen, heard, and valued. Something as simple as a warm blanket or sleeping bag, a tent or warm clothing can make the difference for someone surviving a brutal below zero night. We will be helping up to 100 people. No children's items please.

Here are their most needed items:

- Blankets
- Sleeping bags
- Tents
- Tarps
- Rope
- Winter boots and socks
- Gloves
- Hats
- Winter jackets,
- Snowpants,
- Hoodies and sweatshirts

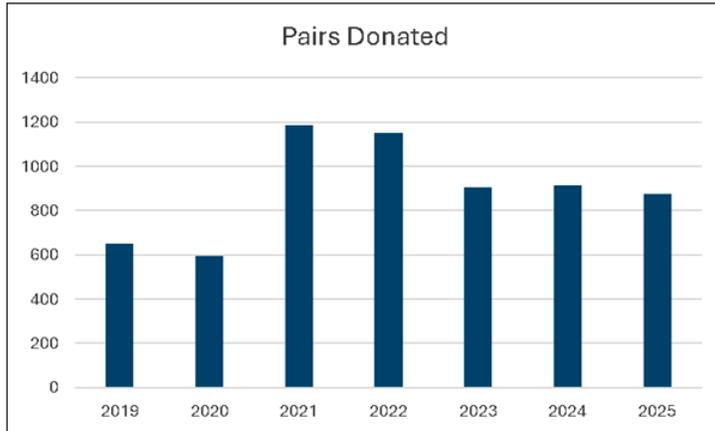
- Sweatpants
- Batteries
- Flashlights
- Candles
- Pet items/food
- Personal care/hygiene items
- Convenience foods and drinks, like granola bars, bottles of water, fruit snacks
- Suitcases and carts with wheels
- Duffel and tote bags
- Hand and toe warmers

Terrific Job Everyone! We Filled the Shoe Away Hunger Van Again!!

This year we collected 877 pairs of reusable shoes, and saved 202 from the landfill.

Christ Lutheran Church's Shoe Away Hunger Collection

Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Pairs Donated	652	595	1184	1151	903	912	877



St. Anne Catholic School Presents:

Country Breakfast

Join us after our **7 AM and 10:30 AM Mass** and enjoy a hearty country breakfast with friends, family and community.

Free will donations are appreciated & directly support field trips.

SUNDAY, OCT 12, 2025

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH
141 CHURCH HILL, SOMERSET, WI, 54025
NO RSVP Needed

JOIN US! For more information: www.stannecatholicschool.org

Join Us!

Somerset Fire Department

ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH
@ 5pm-7pm

Open House

748 HWY 35 | Somerset | WI | 54025

Activities and Fun for the whole Family! There will be a chili contest, games, pumpkin painting, educational opportunities, and more!

Ice Cream Available for Purchase!

COCO'S HEART DOG RESCUE

Softball Tournament

Larry Forrest Park - Somerset, WI
Saturday, October 18th

Start Time: 8:30am
Co-ed Slow Pitch, Double Elimination
Players must be at least 16 years old
Minimum of 10 players per team
\$200 Team Registration fee by Oct. 12th
Adoptable Dogs, Concessions & Merchandise!

REGISTER HERE

CLC Community

Christ Lutheran Church Council Minutes 6 p.m., August 27, 2025

The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is:
Sharing God's Love with Hearts and Hands

- 6:05 **CALL TO ORDER** – Sarah Warren
Present- Sarah Warren, Sharon Ammerman, Pastor Jeff, Rachel Erickson, Paul Nasvik, Sharon Swanson, Donnie Kern
- 6:01 **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT** – All
- 6:02-6:20 **DWELLING IN THE WORD & OPENING PRAYER** – (Rachel)
October Leader: Sarah
- 6:20-6:21 **APPROVAL OF AUGUST 27 AGENDA & JUNE 8 MINUTES**
Rachel made a motion, Sarah seconded to approve the Aug. 27 agenda and June 8 min. Approved

NEW BUSINESS

- 6:21-6:35 Rally Sunday Plan (Pastor Jeff) Sept. 14-
Worship at 10
Pot luck lunch following worship (WELCA will provide sloppy Joes, everyone else is welcome to provide other items)
Tie Shoes
- Paul will call kids and see if there is interest in Christian Education program. He will work with Paul.
- 6:35-6:45 Balius Marketing (Pastor Jeff)
ACTION ITEM: Determine whether to continue contract in 2026
(around 6,000)
Rachel moved, Donnie seconded to discontinue Balius Marketing. Motion Passed
Paul recommends sending them a letter to inform them about terminating the contract.
- 6:45-6:55 Dog Park on Church Grounds Discussion (Donnie)
Assess interest, and next steps if interested
Donnie will give Chris some information for the newsletter so that the congregation can get the details about the project. The process still needs to get council approval, Village Board approval and wouldn't move forward until next spring.

UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS:

- 6:55-7:05 Community Garden (Pastor Jeff)

ACTION ITEM: Task Force Formation to determine use of garden boxes

Boxes are done and filled. Who will fill them next spring? Paul and Carol (if she agrees?) will head up organizing of the Task Force.

7:05–7:10 **Bold Initiative Update (Sarah)** Sarah has been in contact with Christine Mroz from the Bridge to move forward with Community dinners or meetings to gather in a neutral place. Paul will reach out to St. Anne’s. Sarah will call the food shelf. Sarah is open to ideas and exploring ideas. Eat at Christ Lutheran. The purpose is because of Angst in the community, and we are trying to bring Somerset together. Sarah will get back to us regarding a date.

7:20 **REPORTS:**

Finance/Treasurer’s (Accept)

May Beg. balance \$37,655	end balance \$36,179
May deposits \$9,640.18	Withdrawals \$11,116.78
June Beg. balance \$36,179	end balance \$32,182
June Deposits \$7,801.45	Withdrawals \$11,797.85
July Beg. Balance \$32,182	End balance \$25,274
July Deposits \$10,478.81	Withdrawals \$17,386.74

Donnie will be finalizing reports for budget comparison and will be able to highlight where cuts have been made and income to designated accounts.

Pastor’s (Accept)

Building & Property (No Meeting?)

Worship (No Meeting)

Education (No Meeting)

Adult Education Bible Study on Sept 11 at 10 AM

Youth (No Meeting)

WELCA (Accept) Nov. 4 Ham Dinner.

Stewardship (No Meeting)

Endowment (No Meeting)

Call Committee (No Meeting)

Next Meeting: Oct. 19, 11 AM

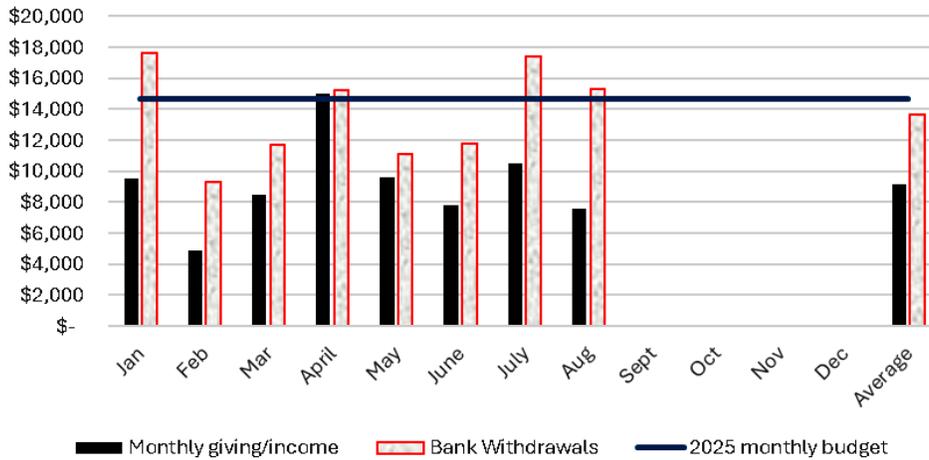
Donnie moved, Rachel 2nd to Adjourn- Passed

LORD’S PRAYER & ADJOURNMENT – Pastor Jeff

Respectfully submitted by Rachel Erickson

Monthly Financial Report for August 2025

2025 CLC General Account Monthly Giving



Monthly Budget
\$14,689

August Deposits
\$7,581.20

August Withdrawals
\$15,302.27

October Birthdays

Michael Gomez	Mercedes Nichols	Antonio Gomez
Gretchen Westphal	Tommy Smith	Eric Mattren
Sarah Warren	Claire Rivard	Jeremie Rudek
Joseph Dubak	Jeffrey Justesen	Lisa Mevissen
Jacob Hutter	Deja Ray	Torsten Strom
William Monteith	Laura Wells	Tommy Kunze
Joshua Neuberger	Alex Dubak	Sophia Nichols
	Eric Atkins	Karen Nork

We All Have Spiritual Gifts

CLC is blessed with many people in our congregation who are willing to share their spiritual gifts. We are grateful to these people who read, serve communion, usher, light candles, count the offering, live-stream the services, and serve on Altar Care setting up communion and changing paraments and banners. Special thanks to Doug Halberg, Roger Hughes, Rachel Erickson, Beth Hankel, and WELCA for their faithful assistance!

Month	Altar Care	Reader	Communion Assistant	Greeter	Counters
October	Sue Strese				
5		Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Kevin Noeldner	Erv and Roger
12		Sharon Ammerman	Sue Strese	Sharon Ammerman	Sharon and Joan
19		Sharon Swanson	Carol Hokenson	Sharon Swanson	Carol and Karen
26		Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	Donnie Kern	John and Sue
November	Ellen & Wendy Smith				
2		Carol Hokenson	Carol Hokenson	Carol Hokenson	Erv and Roger
9		Tricia Davis	Tricia Davis	Tricia Davis	Joan and Karen
16		Rachel Erickson	Cherrie Wood	Cherrie Wood	Carol and Joe
23		Berit Strom	Berit Strom	Berit Strom	Sharon and Joan
30		Sharon Swanson	Carol Hokenson	Sharon Swanson	Carol and Joe

October 2025

Connection and Community

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters	3 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters	4 8:00 am- Midnight - CLC Crafters
5 10 am Worship 11 am-12 pm Education	6 Office Closed 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	7 Office Closed 1-3 pm Phase 10	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed 10 am Bible Study	10 Office Closed	11
12 10 am Worship 11 am-12 pm Education	13 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	14 1-3 pm Phase 10	15	16 10 am Bible Study 10 am-4 pm River V alley Foot Care	17	18
19 10 am Worship 11 am Council 11 am-12 pm Education	20 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	21 1-3 pm Phase 10	22	23	24	25 3-5 pm Trunk or Treat 
26 10 am Worship Reformation/ Confirmation Sunday	27 9 am Quilting 7 pm Boy Scouts	28 1-3 pm Phase 10	29	30 10 am Bible Study 10 am-4 pm River V alley Foot Care	31 Happy Halloween 	

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Pastor Jeff Smith:
clcsomersetpastor@gmail.com

Council President: Sarah Warren

Accompanist: Beth Hankel

Music Director: Rachel Erickson

Custodian: Roger Hughes

Office Manager: Chris Dubak

Established in 1896, we are a Christ-centered faith community with the heart and mind of those living in the 21st century. Our mission is to love and serve you right where you live. Everyone is welcome here!

SUNDAY WORSHIP - 10:00 AM

Followed by coffee and fellowship

Sunday service is live-streamed on YouTube - search Christ Lutheran Somerset.

A link is posted on our Facebook page as well.

SUNDAY EDUCATION STARTING SEPTEMBER 21

10:00-10:45	Worship
11:00-11:30	Large Group Education (Open to ALL Ages-Kids, Youth, Adults)
11:30-Noon	Confirmation Small Group Time



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